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Applicants: R.C. Dezutter et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE121777/25328
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REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 14, 2006. Presently, Claims 1-7 are pending. Claims 1-7 have been examined and stand rejected. Reconsideration of Claims 1-7 is respectfully requested.

The Rejection of Claims 1-7 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thale (U.S. Patent No. 3,554,453) in view of Wulff et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,684,087), or Wulff et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,786,445), or Terada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,564,635). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the following reasons.

There is No Suggestion or Motivation

A *prima facie* rejection requires either a suggestion or motivation from the references or from the knowledge generally available. The *prima facie* rejection of the Office Action lacks a proper suggestion or motivation to do what is recited in Claim 1.

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